

Supplementary Texts

¶ Thanksgiving Prayer for a Child

This prayer may be used where it is appropriate to express thanksgiving for a child to be baptized later in the service; it may be inserted after the Greeting, as part of the Preparation. This is not intended to preclude the use of a separate service of Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child.

We rejoice today with the *family* of *N* and *N*
as they thank God for the gift of life
and bring their *children* for baptism.

God our Creator,
we thank you for the wonder of new life
and for the mystery of human love.

We give thanks for all whose support and skill
surround and sustain the beginning of life.

As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human family,
may *these children* grow in strength and wisdom.

As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood,
give *these parents* your sustaining grace and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

¶ Bible Readings and Psalms

Seasonal alternatives are provided on pages 150–165.

Old Testament	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel
Baptism			
Isaiah 43.1-7	Psalms 66.4-11	Romans 5.6-11	Mark 1.11 (9-11)
Genesis 17.1-8 or 22.15-18	Psalms 89.21, 22, 25-29	Galatians 3.27 – 4.7	John 15.1-11
2 Kings 5.1-15a	Psalms 51.1-7	Titus 3.3-7	John 3.1-8
Genesis 7.1, 7-16	Psalms 46.1-7	1 Peter 3.18-22	Matthew 28.16-20
Confirmation			
Ezekiel 36.24-28 or 47.1-10, 12	Psalms 51.7-14 or 84.1-6	Titus 3.3-7 or 1 Corinthians 12.4-13	John 3.1-8 or 7.37-39
Confirmation when Affirmation and Reception take place (for which these readings are particularly suitable)			
Isaiah 44.1-5 or 62.1-7	Psalms 18.31-38 or 107.1-9	Ephesians 6.10-20 or Acts 10.34-43	Luke 24.44-49 or 4.14-19

¶ An Alternative Form of the Decision

Where there are strong pastoral reasons, the following may be used in place of the Decision in the service of Holy Baptism and at other Initiation services.

The president addresses the candidates directly, or through their parents, godparents and sponsors

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

¶ Canticles in Procession to the Font

A Song of Trust in God

Refrain:

All **My soul longs for you, O God.**

- 1 As the deer longs for the water brooks, ♦
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; ♦
when shall I come before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my bread day and night, ♦
while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'
- 4 Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: ♦
how I went with the multitude
and led the procession to the house of God.
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, ♦
among those who kept holy day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, ♦
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 O put your trust in God; ♦
for I will yet give him thanks,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 42.1-7

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All **My soul longs for you, O God.**

A Song of Deliverance

Refrain:

**All All the earth, shout and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One.**

- 1 'Behold, God is my salvation; ♦
I will trust and not be afraid;
- 2 'For the Lord God is my strength and my song, ♦
and has become my salvation.'
- 3 With joy you will draw water ♦
from the wells of salvation.
- 4 On that day you will say, ♦
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;
- 5 'Make known his deeds among the nations, ♦
proclaim that his name is exalted.
- 6 'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously; ♦
let this be known in all the world.
- 7 'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion, ♦
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

Isaiah 12.2-6

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All All the earth, shout and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One.**

A Song of the New Creation

Refrain:

**All I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.**

- 1 'I am the Lord, your Holy One, ♦
the Creator of Israel, your King.'
- 2 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, ♦
a path in the mighty waters,
- 3 'Remember not the former things, ♦
nor consider the things of old.
- 4 'Behold, I am doing a new thing; ♦
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
- 5 'I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert, ♦
to give drink to my chosen people,
- 6 'The people whom I formed for myself, ♦
that they might declare my praise.'

Isaiah 43.15,16,18,19,20c,21

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.**

¶ *A Litany of the Resurrection*

which may be used in Procession to the Baptismal Font

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious:
All and his mercy endures for ever.

He has loved us from all eternity:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

And remembered us when we were in trouble:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

He became incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

By his cross and passion he has redeemed the world:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

And has washed us from our sins in his own blood:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

On the third day he rose again:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

And has given us the victory:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

He ascended into heaven:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

And opened wide for us the everlasting doors:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

He is seated at the right hand of the Father:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

And ever lives to make intercession for us:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever.
Amen.**

For the gift of his Spirit:
All blessed be Christ.

For the catholic Church:
All blessed be Christ.

For the means of grace:
All blessed be Christ.

For the hope of glory:
All blessed be Christ.

For the triumphs of his gospel:
All blessed be Christ.

For the lives of his saints:
All blessed be Christ.

In joy and in sorrow:
All blessed be Christ.

In life and in death:
All blessed be Christ.

Now and to the end of the ages:
All blessed be Christ.

*This litany may be used in two parts, reserving the clauses following
the Gloria for a return procession from the place of baptism.*

¶ *Thanksgiving for the Holy Ones of God*

which may be used in Procession to the Baptismal Font

The following responses may be said or sung

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

(or)

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For Abraham and Sarah, our ancestors in faith,
and all who journey into the unknown trusting God's promises:

For Jacob, deceitful younger brother, yet chosen by God,
the father of all who are called by virtue not of their own:

For Moses the lawgiver and Aaron the priest,
and all who lead God's people to freedom and newness of life: *R*

For Esther and Deborah, saviours of their nation,
and for all who dare to act courageously at God's call:

For Hannah and Ruth, and all who through love and devotion
witness to the faithfulness of God:

For Isaiah, John the Baptist and all the prophets,
and all who speak the truth without counting the cost: *R*

For Mary the Virgin, the mother of our Lord and God,
and all who obey God's call without question:

For Andrew and John and the first disciples,
and for all who forsake everything to follow Jesus:

For Mary Magdalene, Salome and Mary,
first witnesses of the resurrection,
and for all who bear witness to Christ: *R*

For Peter and Paul [, N] and the apostles,
who preached the gospel to Jew and Gentile,
and for all who take the good news to the ends of the earth:

For Barnabas, Silas and Timothy,
and for all who bring encouragement and steadfastness:

*In the following sections names may be added or omitted
to reflect local traditions.*

For the writers of the Gospels
and for all who bring the faith of Christ alive for each generation: *R*

For Ambrose, Augustine, Gregory and Jerome,
and for all who contend for the truth of the gospel:

For Basil, Gregory of Nazianzus, Athanasius and John Chrysostom,
and all who enable us to reflect on the mystery of Christ:

For Cyprian, Antony and Ephrem,
and for all who lead the Church into new paths of discipleship: *R*

For Stephen, Alban, Agnes, Lucy and the whole army of martyrs,
and all who have faced death for love of Christ:

For Augustine of Canterbury and Aidan, for Boniface and Patrick,
and for all who have carried the gospel to this and other lands:

For Aelred, Bernard and Cuthbert,
and for all who live and teach the love of God: *R*

For Anselm and Richard Hooker,
and for all who reveal to us the depths of God's wisdom:

For Benedict and Francis, Hilda and Bede,
and for all who deepen our common life in Christ:

For Julian of Norwich, Bridget of Sweden and Teresa of Avila,
and for all who renew our vision of the mystery of God: *R*

For Thomas Cranmer
and all who reform the Church of God:

For Thomas More
and all who hold firm to its continuing faith:

For Gregory and Dunstan, George Herbert and John Keble,
and for all who praise God in poetry and song: *R*

For Lancelot Andrewes, John Wesley and Charles Simeon,
and for all who preach the word of God:

For William Wilberforce and Josephine Butler,
and for all who work to transform the world:

For Monica, and for Mary Sumner,
and for all who nurture faith in home and family: *R*

For the martyrs and peacemakers of our own time,
who shine as lights in the darkness:

For all the unsung heroes and heroines of our faith,
whose names are known to God alone:

For all those in our own lives
who have revealed to us the love of God
and shown to us the way of holiness: *R*

For *NN...* *R*

All Let us rejoice and praise them with thankful hearts
and glorify our God in whom they put their trust.

¶ *Responsive Form of the Prayer over the Water*

Seasonal alternatives are provided on pages 150–165.

*The refrain **Lord of life, renew your creation** may be said or sung by all.*

*The first phrase **Lord of life** (italicized) may be said or sung by a deacon or other minister.*

All Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through water you led the children of Israel
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.
In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

All **Lord of life,
renew your creation.**

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,
we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.
Lord of life,

All **renew your creation.**

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.
Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

All **Lord of life,
renew your creation.**

¶ An Alternative Profession of Faith

Where there are strong pastoral reasons, the following may be used in place of the Profession of Faith in the service of Holy Baptism.

The president says

Let us affirm,
together with these who are being baptized,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

¶ Alternative Prayers of Intercession

Seasonal alternatives are provided on pages 150–165.

The prayers may be led by the president or another minister.

We thank you that you have claimed for yourself
those who have been washed in the waters of rebirth.
Uphold them in this new life,
that they may ever remain steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope, and rooted in your love.

Father of life,

All **make known your glory.**

Pour your blessing on all your people.
May our hearts ever praise you,
and find their perfect rest in you.
Grant us the freedom of your service
and peace in doing your will.

Father of life,

All **make known your glory.**

The whole creation is filled with the light of your grace.
Dispel the darkness of our hearts, and forgive our sins
and negligences,
that we may come at last to the light of your glory.

Father of life,

All **make known your glory.**

*If Holy Communion does not follow, the prayers end with
the Lord's Prayer.*

As your children, born again in Christ, we say

All **Our Father ...**

¶ Short Eucharistic Preface *(traditional language)*

And now we give thee thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit
thou hast made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,
thou dost raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of thy glory.